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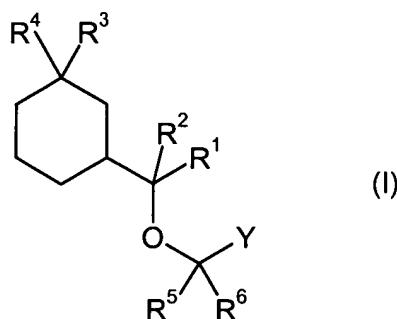
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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Compounds A compound of the formula (I)



where

R¹ = CH₃, R³ = H or CH₃ and R² and R⁴ = H,

R⁵ and R⁶ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃ and

Y = -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹, where R⁷ and R⁸ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃ and

R⁹ is a branched or straight-chain C₁ to C₅ alkyl group or a branched or straight-chain C₂ to C₅ alkylene group,

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R¹ and R² - independently of one another - are CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R³ and R⁴ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃,

R⁵ and R⁶ together are oxygen and

Y = -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹ or R⁹, where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ have the abovementioned meaning,

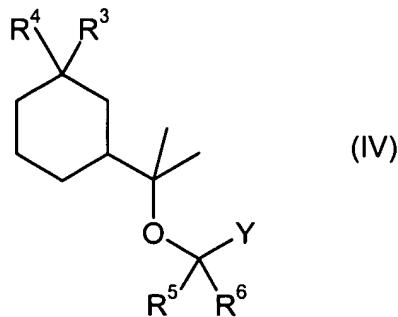
or

R¹ and R² - independently of one another - are CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃ and

Y = -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹, where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ have the abovementioned meaning.

2. (currently amended) Compounds The compound according to Claim 1 of the formula (IV)



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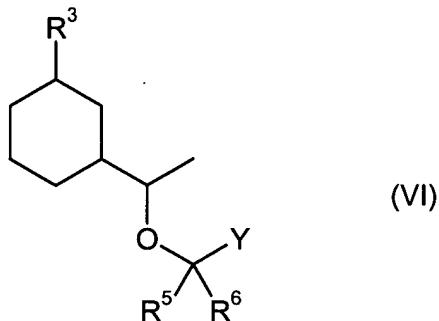
where

R^3 and R^4 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 , R^3 and R^4 = methyl being preferred

R^5 and R^6 together are hydrogen, and

$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$ or R^9 , where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning given in Claim 1, where Y = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl, and also $Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 and R^8 = H and R^9 = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl is preferred methyl.

3. (currently amended) Compounds The compound according to Claim 1 of the formula (VI)



where

R^3 = H or CH_3 ,

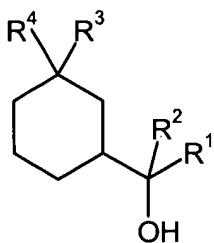
R^5 and R^6 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 , where R^5 , R^6 = methyl is preferred, and

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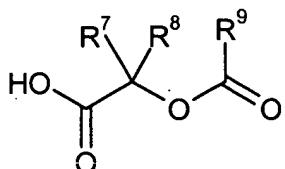
$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning given in Claim 1, where R^7 and $R^8 = H$ and $R^9 = \text{methyl}$, ethyl or $n\text{-propyl}$ is preferred.

4. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound according to Claim 1, characterized in that they are wherein said compound is 2-(1-cyclohexylethoxy)-2-methylpropyl propionate, 2-[1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)-1-methylethoxy]-2-oxoethyl propionate or 2-[1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)-1-methylethoxy]-2-oxoethyl acetate.
5. (currently amended) ~~Method A method~~ for the preparation of ~~compounds~~ the compound according to one of ~~Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1 by ~~reaction of reacting~~ a substituted cyclohexylalkanol cyclohexylalkanol of the formula



with

- a) carboxylic acids of the formula



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where

R¹ and R² - independently of one another - are CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R³ and R⁴ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃,

R⁵ and R⁶ together are hydrogen and

Y = -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹ where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

or

b) carboxylic acids R⁹-COOH or carboxylic anhydrides (R⁹-CO)₂O

where

R¹ and R² - independently of one another - are CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R³ and R⁴ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃,

R⁵ and R⁶ together are oxygen, and

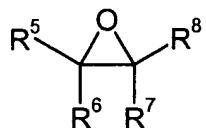
Y = R⁹ and R⁹ has the meaning given in Claim 1,

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or

c) epoxides of the formula



where

R¹ = CH₃, R³ = H or CH₃ and R² and R⁴ = H,

R⁵ and R⁶ - independently of one another- are H or CH₃
and

Y = -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹, where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ have the
abovementioned meaning,

or

R¹ and R² - independently of one another - are CH₃ or
CH₂CH₃,

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ - independently of one another - are H
or CH₃, and

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Y = -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹, where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

or

d) a carboxylic acid XCR⁷R⁸-COOH or a carboxylic anhydride (XCR⁷R⁸-CO)₂O in a first step and with R⁹-COOZ or (R⁹-CO)₂O in a second step

where

R¹ and R² - independently of one another - are CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R³ and R⁴ - independently of one another - are H or CH₃,

R⁵ and R⁶ together are oxygen, and

Y= -CR⁷R⁸OCOR⁹, where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

X = halogen or OH,

Z = alkali metal or H.

6. (cancelled)

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7. (currently amended) ~~Fragrance mixtures containing compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4~~ A fragrance mixture comprising one or more compounds according to Claim 1.
8. (currently amended) ~~Perfumed products containing compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4~~ A perfumed product comprising one or more compounds according to Claim 1.
9. (new) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R⁴ = methyl.
10. (new) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R⁹ = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl.
11. (new) The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R⁵ and R⁶ = methyl.
12. (new) The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R⁹ = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl.